

**RFP #0634-228**  
**Mental Health Housing Plan**  
**Questions and Answers**

1. Question: The RFP appears to be focused on adults with serious mental illness. Can you confirm that the housing plan will be focused on this population? We assume that people with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness will be included, and also youth over the age of 18 with mental illness or co-occurring disorders who are transitioning from foster care, juvenile justice, etc. Is that correct? Are there any special populations included as a priority (e.g., individuals re-turning from jail/prison terms; individuals with long stays in state hospitals; etc.?)

*Answer: All of the populations listed above would be considered part of the target population.*

2. Question: We assume that adults with serious mental illness or co-occurring disorders who are homeless or at risk of homelessness are among the priority populations for housing under this housing plan. We also assume that resources available for housing people with disabilities that are homeless (E.g., HUD McKinney-Vento funds, State of Washington Housing funds, etc.) will be considered among the resources available to meet housing needs identified within the Housing plan. Is that correct?

*Answer: Yes, both of these assumptions are correct.*

3. Question: The RFP focuses on housing efforts at the RSN level. We assume that state agencies with funding and policy roles in affordable housing and service delivery for the priority populations will also be included in the study. We also assume that housing planning could result in recommendations for accessing current state housing and services resources as well as federal resources for the defined priority populations. Are these assumptions correct and within the desired scope of work for this project?

*Answer: The assumptions are correct and within the desired scope of work for the project.*

4. Question: On p. 3, the RFP lists minimum qualifications for the bidder. For example, the project lead must be “a senior level housing manager/developer with a minimum of 10 years management experience in housing for people with low incomes and special needs, organizational capacity building, and program policy and planning.” However, the Checklist for Responsiveness lists different minimum qualifications. For



example, the project lead must be “a psychiatrist or ARNP with a minimum of 10 years of management experience in behavioral health care.” Please clarify which set of minimum qualifications apply to this proposal, including:

- Must the project lead be a psychiatrist or ARNP?
- Must the bidder have documented experience in the development of criteria and provision of utilization review services for institutional and community based behavioral health care?
- Must the bidder have documented knowledge and experience with public managed behavioral health care delivery systems including a thorough understanding of both voluntary and involuntary treatment issues?
- Must the bidder have documented knowledge and experience with Medicaid managed behavioral health care regulations and requirements?

*Answer: The minimum qualifications on page 3 are accurate. The checklist for responsiveness is being amended.*